



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 502

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Substitute House Bill No. 6327

House of Representatives, April 23, 2003

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SUPERVISED VISITATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The Chief Court
- 2 Administrator shall identify additional secure visitation centers for the
- 3 purpose of facilitating visits between children and those family
- 4 members who are subject to supervised visitation. The Chief Court
- 5 Administrator shall prepare a list of such secure visitation centers and
- 6 shall make copies of such list available to the public at no charge. Such
- 7 list may include visitation centers established pursuant to section 17a-
- 8 1011 of the general statutes for visitation for children in the custody of
- 9 the Commissioner of Children and Families.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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KID *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 1,000	Less than 1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Judicial Department: (1) to identify additional secure places where children can visit with family members when a court has ordered such visits to be supervised, and (2) to make a list of all identified centers available to the public for free.

It is anticipated that the Judicial Department would be able to identify additional secure places at no cost by contacting other state agencies that access these types of services, including the Department of Children and Families (DCF).¹ Depending upon the manner in which the list is distributed, a minimal cost associated with printing and/or copying could be incurred to make the list available to the public.

¹ The DCF has contracts to operate 11 family centers statewide.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the chief court administrator to identify additional secure places where children can visit with family members when a court has ordered such visits to be supervised. He must make a list of all identified centers available to the public for free. The list may include centers the Department of Children and Families establishes for supervised visitation for children in its custody.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 36 Nay 0